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GENERAL NEWS.

Theatrical Notes—Movements of Noted Actors and Actresses.

PARTICULARS OF THE TRIAL OF JAMES

Lifacombe Cotton Crop Reported—Agreement between Railroad Companies—General Newsy Items.

The fires were afterwards up and down all day yesterday and last night. As usual the trouble was south of Yreka.

No Fever at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 23.—A large number of telegrams were received to-day from different points asking questions the yellow fever had appeared in this city, and expressing fear that the rumor was circulated for speculative purposes, as no apprehension is felt among the people. Mem. his never was healthier, and every preparation has been made to guard against the dreaded scourge. The disease, even if it should find lodgment in the city, is powerless here.

Unfavorable Cotton Crop Reports.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 27.—Dispatches to the Times-Democrat from all sections of the cotton belt show considerable falling off of the crop prospects compared with last year, except in Tennessee and portions of Texas, and say the drought, caterpillars and rust are doing serious damage. Dispatches estimated the loss at some 25 per cent. The reports from Texas also show a failure of the crop, and the latest of the crop reported some days ago by telegraph.

Report Denied.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 27.—It is denied on the authority of Wm. Grange, of the firm of Grange Bro. & Co., of Memphis, that the agreement, definitely fixing the cotton crop for the ensuing year, was made at the recent meeting between the committees of manufacturers and planters at the city of Memphis. Most of the mill and cotton men of the country were present, including a system of thorough inspection.

Charged with Misdemeanors.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—The papers here will publish, in advance of the U. S. public, the charges against Judge W. Baxter, the governor of Michigan, preferred by his wife with misdemeanors in her management of the affairs of the estate of her son, Frank C. Bagley. His son died in Florida in 1873.

He Resigns.

CHICAGO, Tex., Aug. 27.—District-Attorney Maxey, for the Eastern district of Texas, handed in his resignation to-day to Special Examiner Weaver, who, for a week past, has been investigating his official and other matters in that district.

Report Confirmed.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 27.—The Times' Laredo special confirms the report that Filip Cortina, in command of the Mexican insurgents, had been defeated near Ta-

A Head Man's Fate.

BRUNSWICK, Aug. 27.—Hester Daniel, (white) was killed by a railroad engine at Waltham, died, and the engineer, Alexander Smith, was seriously hurt by being poisone

A Family Row.

ST. JOSEPH, Aug. 27.—Parker White was stabbed and killed by his father-in-law, Silvester Gray. Both were colored.

Accidents.

WILD JUMP OF A FARM INSPECTION.

TROY, Aug. 27.—The Texas and St. Louis passenger train on Sarahey night jumped the track, engine and baggage car turned up. All the flights were extinguished. Several passengers jumped their way out of the window. Strangely no one was injured. Only one person was seriously injured. Mrs. Chambers, who was badly bruised. Her right thigh was broken. A brakeman's wrist was

TRAIN COLLISION.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 27.—An accident occurred on the Louisville road this morning, near Mingo, within 800 feet of the great disaster of Saturday night. The fast passenger train, on time, and the east-bound fast freight, on time, collided. Engineer Wolf, of Dennison, Ohio, and Fireman Jobe, of Newark, Ohio, were killed. Several others were injured. Hoy fatally.

Crushed by an Elephant.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 27.—Harry Packer, of Bartholomew's menagerie, at Northbend, Ohio, was severely crushed by one of the elephants this morning.

Markets by Telegraph.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Wheat, 1,700 ctls; quiet; \$1 40@1 42½.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Quiet; rates nominal.

Quiet; no sales of all kinds is generally supposed.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Flour—Lower; \$1 01¼, September. Wheat—Lower; \$8 92½, September. Corn—Lower; \$8 30, September.

BOSTON MARKETS.

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—Steady, \$1 07@1 16.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Quiet, but steady. Wheat—Quiet, prices unchanged.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 27.—Wheat—Weaker. Corn—Brilliant.

PARIS MARKETS.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Market—Dull.

Incidental Remarks.

The nearest sale value in Liverpool is for prompt shipment to U. K. per boat for 500 lbs: O. I. C.—Nominal only.

MONEY MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Sterling exchange, banks, long drafts, bombast, 1[illegible]; nominal, \$4 80.

Drafts—10 per cent discount.

New England rate of interest—6 per cent.

New York exchange, prime banks, [illegible] per M.

Eastern commercial, from 1 to to ½ to ¾ long.

Mexican dollars, 9 to 1½ to lower.

United States bonds, 3½s, 103¾; 4½s, 113¾.

Bar silver—Bars, closed—3½s, 103¾; 4½s, 113¾.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Silver bullion, [illegible] per ounce, 50¾.

Shipping Intelligence.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Sailed—Schr. Discovery, at F.

TOWNSEND, Aug. 24.—Arrived—Ship Thomas Brown, from Portland, at F.

PORT GAMBLE, Aug. 24.—Arrived—Ship Thomas Brown, from Portland, at F.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 24.—Arrived—Ship Wm. Nelson, from Portland, at F.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 25.—Arrived—Ship Mystic, from Portland, at F.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 25.—Sailed—Ship Mystic, for Portland.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 25.—Arrived—Ship Monarch of the Sea, from Portland.

FOREIGN PORTS.

PORT TOWNSEND, July 21.—Sailed—Bk ship Caroline, for Portland.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 24.—Arrived—Bk ship Williams, previous to Aug. 24, from Portland.

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...ssary. Juller Doherty says Murphy was one of t...
...ven while in jail he was full of trickiness and ...
...These business men who allow their stenc...
...this town worked upon Murphy's sympathies ...
...ed that he was a deprived creature

...ERICAN APPRENTICES.—On the 25th of last Ju...
...ship No 36 on the Oregon and California rail...
...ad upon Albany took the Albany fire co...
...ppointed, by quick and hard work saved consid...
...ed all of the company's property. Thoroughly ...
...ersonally the services rendered by the Albany ...
...ompany. Foreman Heinchsen and Secretary ...
...ire-warden's residence established and will ...
...presented in a few days. The trumpets are beautif...
...fully embossed and ornamented with solid g...
...headings. At the conclusion of each is a representa...
...with a burning building in the ...
...direction is seen a train of cars while in the op...
...the direction there is seen coming a steam fire ...
...This is a genuine working exhibition of the ...
...state as it is, and there are 5000 fallen females in ...
...Portland. None of any sex so believes this and all ...
...the theatrical events are equally absurd. The man ...
...in the right hand of the lady on the opposite ...
...is dressed in the height of fashion, and is represented ...
...as dealing with a fanatical look. Some of ...
...the attributes seem to signify that the latter was the true ...
...index to Miss Bigelow's character, while the ...
...other lady woman will have occasion to think so ...
...after this man had cultivated his ...
...acquaintance more fully. In his pretended ...
...ardent love for women he has made several ...
...regrettable mistakes and by that time he has been ...
...in every respectable dilemma he would have had ...
...no cause to make a complaint of unfaithfulness ...
...with good cause. About a week ago Kinz called at ...
...this office and after making some statements in re...
...gard to himself announced that he was going to de...
...liver a lecture in the Hall Street M E Church that ...
...evening and would like to have a synopsis for publi...
...cation. Inquiry developed the fact that he did ...
...not lecture, and had no authority for saying that he ...
...would. The manuscript that he left was not only ...
...blasphemous but indecent. Although he called the ...
...next day to see why it was not published, he was ...
...supposed to see some harmless reason and ...
...dismissed with little further thought at. Now that he ...
...is making himself so generally known everyone ...
...should know who and what he is

...CHINESE AND AMERICAN GAMBLERS ARRESTED.—...
...Last night the police raided a Chinese gambling ...
...game on Second street and snowed in on the ...
...sixty-two devotees of the fascinating game. As ...
...usual the heavy sledge had to be used to gain en...
...trance and the massive doors succumbed to the ...
...powerful blows of the Herculeus Holcomb. The ...
...players were corralled by their queues ten in a ...
...bunch and taken to the city jail. A Chinese ...
...broker put up $10 bail for each of the players and ...
...$200 each for two proprietors—total, $1020. Shortly ...
...after midnight Bud Phillips, a white sporting ...
...and feeder was "pulled," and nine professional ...
...gamblers—no customers of the bank—were run in ...
...together with the proprietors. All were fictitious ...
...names and deposited $10 each. Early in the ...
...Grand total receipts of the evening from one sort of ...
...misdemeanor $1310

...SOME ONE'S NEGLECT.—When Columbia Engine ...
...Company No 4 dissolved its organization with the ...
...advent of the paid department a resolution was ...
...passed donating to the Rockhouton Hose Company ...
...of Binghamton N Y the roll board of the com...
...pany. This was at the time the Company ...
...Holton once a member of the New York company ...
...The matter was placed in the hands of a committee ...
...and nothing further was heard of it. Recently ...
...the committee has been discharged and the ...
...matter placed in the hands of a committee ...
...of the present Company No 4 with instructions ...
...to collect the amount due. The committee ...
...have been unable to find any trace of the ...
...Rockhouton Hose Company of Binghamton N Y ...
...and the matter is now in the hands of the ...
...Secretary of the Company, who will endeavor to ...
...find the whereabouts of the Company. The ...
...amount is $150

...DRESSING HERSELF.—There will appear before ...
...Justice White to day for trial, Mrs Ida Reynolds ...
...charged with assault and battery upon one J C. ...
...King. Mrs Reynolds is a chambermaid at the St ...
...George hotel and King has been a boarder at that ...
...man's establishment. He claims that without any ...
...provocation whatever she slapped his face and ...
...poor unprotected male that he was, he needs must ...
...seek the protection of the law. Mrs Reynolds tells ...
...a very different story. She says ...
...King insulted her grossly and she gave ...
...him what he deserved so far as lies in her power ...
...to do. It is to be feared that this man King has ...
...placed himself in a position where it becomes the ...
...duty of the public press to throw some light upon ...
...his character and questionable occupation in this ...
...town. He came here a few weeks ago and announced ...
...himself to be the presidency of the Gambrinus and ...
...Connexions Reformation Band, whose headquarters ...
...were at Cleveland Ohio. According to his ...
...story he himself was a reformed ...
...gambler and had been such for three ...
...years having been pretty low in the depths ...
...of human degradation during some of the raising ...
...excitement in Leadville notably at Leadville and ...
...Durango. He was familiar with fallen women and ...
...all manner of sin shame and crime during those ...
...times. Now he informs the world at large that he ...
...appears as a full fledged evangelist and asserts that ...
...he is ready to save the lowest of the low. Perhaps ...
...he is all he claims to be but there are plenty of men ...
...in this town who know of them respectable citizens and ...
...others of his own ilk before he reformed—...
...who denounce him in unmeasured terms ...
...as a fraud who plays the fanatic as ...
...a means of getting money out of unsuspecting ...
...people. His life in this town has not been conducive ...
...to a very high opinion of him. He has no bus...
...iness interests here and no abiding place any ...
...more than he has any respectable means of support. ...
...He

...e Daily Oregonian

TUESDAY MORNING, AUG. 26, 1883.

THE POISONED PILLS.

A Story of Creole Life in the Earlier Part of the Century.

A MOST TERRIBLE DUEL.

How Swords and Pistols Were Ignored and Prussic Acid Pills and Claret Administered Instead.

A duel, fatal to one of the principals and by no means in nature, is detailed by a writer in the New Orleans *Times-Democrat*. It was between two young men of the Crescent city and occurred over forty years ago. The young men were Henri Delagrave and Alphonse Riviere, and the cause of the duel was the success of the former in wooing Mme. Celestin Riviere sought out Delagrave and found him in a gambling saloon. Riviere was very pale as he approached the group of men around the table. What with the yellow light shining through the curtains and his bloodless appearance, he seemed rather a ghastly corpse than a living body, but there was motion and a voice in him which soon dispelled such an illusion.

As he neared Delagrave, the latter turned to confront him, when Riviere, with a voice that seemed to come from behind the door of a tomb, said: "Delagrave, we cannot live on this globe together. It is not large enough."

Delagrave, quietly puffing his cigarette, in a cold and impressive tone replied: "Yes; you annoy me. It would be better if you were dead."

Riviere's face flushed, and reaching forward he laid the back of his hand gently against Delagrave's cheek. The game was at once interrupted. The slap, which was so light it did not even crimson the young man's cheek, was enough to call for blood, and leaving the house he sought an intimate friend; to him he opened his heart: "I must be a cadet to the death." Such was the enmity between himself and Riviere, only a life could wipe it out.

The old doctor, who had grown up in many a duel, on the field, shrugged his shoulders and remonstrated, but at last acquiesced and said: "Very well, then, it shall be to the death."

Few people knew what sort of a party it was driving down the shell road bordering Bayou St. John. Two carriages stopped just on the bridge leading to the island formed there by the bifurcation of the bayou, and four gentlemen alighted. Savelle a well known character born forty years ago, accompanied Riviere, and old Dr. Rocquet was with Delagrave. The seconds had met previously and arranged every thing. Delagrave, as he stepped from the carriage, looked furtively around for the cases of pistols, but seeing none, he was a little disconcerted. After walking about 100 yards from the carriages, the party stopped and the doctor motioned them to approach closer. When they had done so, he called them by name and said: "Gentlemen, we have discussed the matter nearly all of last night, and both Mr. Savelle and myself feel satisfied that there is no action for the difference between you but the death of one. The world is so formed that both cannot live in it, the same time." The two nodded. "Therefore," the doctor went on, "we have agreed to make the arbitrament as fair as possible, and let fate decide. He took out a black morocco case, and from it produced what appeared to be two pills. "One of these," said he, "contains a positive, fatal dose of prussic acid, the other three are harmless. We have agreed that each shall swallow two of the pills, and let destiny decide." Savelle inclined his head, and said: "as the representative of Riviere, he agreed."

The two men were pale almost bloodless, but not a nerve trembled or muscle contracted. "Gentlemen," said the doctor, "we will toss for the first pill." Savelle cried out "tails," as the glittering gold piece revolved in the air. It fell on a bunch of grass, the blades of which, being separated, let the coin fall through, and covered head of the goddess of liberty upper most.

"Mr. Delagrave, you have the first choice," said the doctor.

Reposing in the little box, the four little globes seemed the counterpart of each other. The closest scrutiny would not develop the slightest difference. Nature alone, through the physiological alembic of the human stomach, can tell of their properties. In one there rests the pall of eternity, the struggle for breath, the failing of sight, the panoramas of years rushing in an instant through the mind, but a tender and peaceful sleep forevermore, the garnements, the burial case, the solemn cortege, and the cloud, and some atmosphere of the grave. All these were contained in one of these little pellets. Delagrave, having won the first choice, stepped forward and took a pill. With a calmness which was fatal, he placed it in his mouth, and with a cup of claret handed him by the doctor, washed it down.

"And now, M. Riviere" said the doctor. Riviere extended his hand and took a pill.

Like his opponent, he swallowed it.

The two men stood looking on another in the face. There was not a quiver in the eyelid, not a twitch to the muscles. Each was thinking of himself as well as watching his adversary. One minute more passed. Two minutes passed. Three. Four. Five.

"Now, gentlemen."

This was the fatal choice. Both men were ready for the test of fate. Savelle loosed the gold piece aloft and the doctor cried out: "Heads." "Heads" it was, and Delagrave took a pill from the box, leaving only one. "Now," said the doctor, "M. Riviere, the remaining one is for you. You will please swallow them together."

The two men raised their hands at the same time and deposited the pills on their tongues and took a draught of claret.

One second passed and their was no movement. Then—"Good God!" exclaimed Riviere, his eyes starting from their sockets. He turned half around to the left, raised his hands above his head and staggered a long, wild step that belated travelers even to this day say they hear on the shell road, near the island.

He fell prone to the earth, and gave a nervous contraction of the muscles of the face, there was no movement.

Delagrave took him by the hand as he lay on the damp grass, and said in a tender voice: "I regret it, but it was to be."

The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in New Orleans, and weeks after words were sung with a story of the duel. The homicide, horrified at the affair, would never see Delagrave afterward, and is now a happy grower on Bayou Lafourche, having married a wealthier planter two years after the fatal event.

Delagrave, weighed down with the trials of manhood's life, wrinkled and tattering, strolls along Canal street of a warm afternoon, and is met by a negro servant. Having a bare competency he has never actually suffered from want; but he shows evidences of great mental anguish. The sight of a split box makes him shudder, and the taste of claret will give him convulsions.

A Rockaway Wedding.

Pacific Sun.

"Well, sir," said the conductor, as he took a dozen hands of those accidents about just by people trying to be an art. I have seen hundreds of farmers who would ring their teams far enough away from a train, or hold 'em so they'd scare, but about as far as out as though he owned the earth, and if he gets the kind soul of his wagon over he thinks he has achieved something worth while. I expect to hit a wreck out here about a hundred miles on one of the days. She drives an old black mare, oh I think she lays for a train. She sees a train coming, judges to a second where she'll meet and histories on the track, and two old mare skoot as though she was going to wagons, and then the old lady lets up on the reins, and she slows through, approaches, spits the old mare some severe, and he meanders off the track just before I hit her, and he told me I come back at noon at engine white pilot, and my name is on my mouth, and she looks like as though she thought I was runs up that way for fun, and that I am an impolite thing, because I didn't climb over her. Some day the coroner's out there's going to have a shower of black mare and buggy wheels and spectacles, and there will be crape on the old lady's door, and instead of a verdict of suicide, the coroner will blame the engineer, and her relatives will sue the company for damages.

Why the Strike Failed.

New York Evening Post.

The fact of the boycott's failure is now formally admitted by the journal which has been most prominent in its advocacy of their claims. It gathers that failure to the reluctance with or refuse on the part of the public to starve itself to death, and to the alarm excited among business men thereby. But this is a very inadequate explanation. The real fact is the blundering of the strike as made plain at ugh. The strike was based at its start on two expectations. One was that it would cause so much public inconvenience that the company would be forced to surrender either by physical pressure or by popular indignation. The other was that the pressure of business would overwhelm the road. Force to operate it which might be the company or cause it to be relied. Both of these were disappointed. There was no legal mode of coercing the company, and the public instead of making fuel to overwhelm, took drastic steps to organize a remedy for young single American men whose business does not pay them enough to live in the way they like to have been unable to find employment to the exercise prescription of the late Horace Greeley.

"My hands were covered with little dry scabs. They soon disappeared and I'm better than I have been for years," writes Dr. Newton's Blood Syrup (new). A.M. Nelms, Selma, N. C., July 3, '81.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle* says that it is uncommon to see a child with only a negro for its capital nurse, and yet while there is much illiteracy among the white people.

WORTHVILLE, N. H.—Dr. J. C. McLaughlin says: "I sold Brown's Bitters over 100 last year and now I sell like a new man."

WISE WILLIAM LILLY.

A Famous Astrologer Who Was Consulted by King Charles and Cromwell.

Exhibit in Baltimore News.

One of the most famous of astrologers was William Lilly, and his name occupies as often in journals and books as the darkness of the periods of the protectorate and Charles II. that a brief sketch of his somewhat remarkable career may be of interest. He was heartily abused by some of the writers of the time. Butler, in "Hudibras," describes him under the name of the dabbling man, Sidrophe—but on the other hand, both the kings Charles, Cromwell and many other distinguished persons consulted him frequently, and he was the friend and companion of some of the most learned men of the kingdom. Sir Elias Ashmole, after the astrologer's death, edited some of his works, and wrote him a brief some Latin epitaph.

Lilly was the son of very poor parents, and was born in the country. He did not come to London until he was about 18 years old. He began life as a footboy, and, when his master died, married his widow. At 30 years of age, he began the study of astral science, and this remarks in his autobiography, that he applied himself to these researches, "many times twelve, or fifteen or eighteen hours, day and night," a well illustrates the extraordinary facilities this study has for those who are once introduced to take it up. Lilly deserves that his diligence was due to the effect that he was anxious to discover what the future was and verily in the end or most. When he had become tolerably skillful as began to practice publicly, and to issue forecasts regarding public affairs in almanacs and other publications. His judgments were also remarkably correct that no speedily acquired an extraordinary reputation). He was consulted by Oliver Cromwell before that sturdy warrior made his famous coup d'etat in parliament. In 1647 he was consulted by King Charles I. as to a safe place to conceal his person, but the king did not follow the advice given, and was consequently ruined. These things appear strange to us now days, and the tides of Mr. Evarts, Lord Beaconsfield or Prince Bismarck consulting the study of astrology with the title I gin upon the political affairs, would seem the most ludicrous imaginable. Yet the wisest heads of England thought it not beneath their dignity to pursue this course when in difficulty only two centuries ago. Lilly himself mentions that in 1648, "for very great considerations," the cabinet council gave him £50 to read and explain a position of 1500 years antiquity.

It is scarcely possible that all Lilly's predictions came out correctly by mere chance. He was, when at the height of his fame, consulted by thousands upon every imaginable topic, even the monarch anxious to the fate of a war to an old woman in perplexity as to the whereabouts of her lost dog, and if he erred on the side of ambiguity, as was natural infallibly have lost his credit on some occasions. His opinions, however, have maintained his reputation to the last, as, in the words of the Merry Monarch, "no one understood astrology better than any man in Europe."

Lilly was frequently placed in positions where conversation or delphic answers would not do, and where the failure of the event to correspond with his prediction might have cost him his life. For instance, at the seige of Colchester, with the parliamentary soldiers grew tired of the siege and began to waver, some one sent for Lilly. Darkness was the prospects were, he prophesied the surrender of the town on the 30 or 31 of the month. Lilly's two most famous predictions were made in 1631 when he issued "Monarchy or no Monarchy," in which he foretold the great fire and plague of London, which occurred in 1666. His prophecy of the fire was founded upon a very simple calculation. The seven last of the heavenly bodies, the sun and moon and the five planets of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, make up the seven days of the week, and the seven signs of the zodiac, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo and Libra, make up the seven months of the year. Lilly foresaw that the 1666 the fixed star called, the Bull's North Horn, which is of the nature of Mars, would cross that point of the Zodiac, and so he readily prejudged that this city would be visited with a conflagration. His prediction that there was afterward had at parliament, and his autobiography contains a very interesting account of the investigation. His remarks with much candor and fairness. He remarks with much candor and fairness. He was even treated with more consideration and respect. He, however, stated frankly that he could not form any idea as to the origin of the conflagration, and the mystery has continued from that time to this.

Lilly was not without enemies, particularly among the Puritan clergymen, who attacked his both from the pulpit and in print. The most virulent was the Rev. Mr. Gataker, who took occasion in ridicule astrology whenever the opportunity offered. Lilly has left behind many conversations with this gentleman of 1653. In the almanac issued by Lilly for 1651, among the observations for the month of March appears the words: "Hic aliquis mortalis perspicere nebulas," as truly enough, when August rolled round Mr. Gataker died, and their dispute ended with the event "has foretold."

We read the histories of those times and the biographical dictionaries one would imagine William Lilly to have been a mere knave and fortune teller, but a perusal proves the sincerity of his convictions as without piety or scruple. It is quite no wonder that most of the important figures of that period were cool and practical into acts, and very rarely shaped. Oliver Cromwell was hardly the sort of man to have been bamboozled by a rogue. It is also forgotten that Lilly was a good scholar, master of several languages, and by no means an unskilled writer. His autobiography contains a great deal of admirable writing. His famous work, "Christian Astrology," in addition to being such an authority upon the subject of which it treats, proves him to have been not only a good mathematician, but to have possessed a large and penetrating intellect, and also a strong sense of humor. The dry way in which he tells of his miscalculation of the hours in his practice for the purpose of casting the nativity of the king, and how